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MAYOR



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**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FY 2004 BUDGET HEARING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
JULY 9, 2003  
9:00 A.M.**

A special City Council meeting was held at the above place and date. Mayor Pro Temp Anthony Cobos present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Susan Austin, Robert A. Cushing, Jr., Jose Alexandro Lozano, and Vivian Rojas. Late arrival: John Cook at 10:05. Absent: Mayor Joe Wardy, Daniel Power and Paul Escobar.

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### **FY04 – BUDGET OVERVIEW**

Ms. Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk, called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. and called roll.

Mr. Bill Chapman, Deputy CAO of Financial and Administrative Services/Chief Financial Officer, presented budget review (copy of presentation is available in City Clerk's Office) and answered all questions.

Representative Cushing:

- asked for an explanation of how the reorganization proposed by Mayor Wardy would impact the budget that was being presented;
- questioned the base number on which the tax rate was being calculated;
- questioned decreases in departments;
- asked about how fringes for a Secretary I would factor into the Mayor and Council's budget and each City Representative's discretionary funds;
- requested a breakdown of workers' compensation costs.

Representative Austin:

- asked if an examination of fees was made prior to raising taxes and how PeopleSoft had aided in that examination as a tool with activity based cost analysis;
- questioned the debt service tax rate calculation and whether or not the decision to hold back on the issuance of Certificates of Obligation would decrease that tax rate;
- asked when the fund balance was used for appropriations in balancing the budget;
- questioned salary savings and what role that played in the budget calculations;
- questioned where in the budget the issuance of revenue bonds for the Plaza Theatre was shown;
- asked where budgets for capital projects appeared in the Fiscal Year 2004 budget;
- stated she would like to see what monies were moved into capital projects.

- asked about VOE positions and overtime paid to exempt employees as addressed in the budget resolution.

Representative Cobos:

- questioned what constituted the decrease of 4.94% from the fiscal year 2003 adopted budget to the proposed fiscal year 2004 budget and the impact on the debt service tax rate;
- questioned if the City Charter stipulated the amount of fund balance the City must maintain;
- requested a report on Certificates of Obligation and expenditures against them to date on capital projects;
- requested to review General Fund Trial Balances.

Representative Rojas asked for an explanation of non-departmental appropriations.

Council Members requested a copy of Mr. Chapman's PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Chapman stated that he would like to provide computer training to Council Members to enable them to review capital projects on their computers. He stated he would prepare a report on capital projects for Council Members' to consult in the meantime.

Motion made by Representative Cushing, seconded by Representative Austin and unanimously carried to adjourn this meeting at 10:57 a.m.

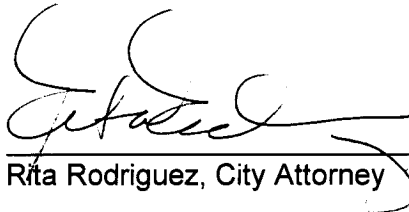
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk



Rita Rodriguez, City Attorney